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- **Hiwassee College is pleased to welcome Dr. Charles Neal as our new Interim President!**



The Hiwassee family would like to sincerely thank Dr. Jerry Russell for his many contributions during his tenure. He has returned to full-time pastoral duties at Fairview United Methodist Church in Maryville.

The Tiger's Tale

HIWASSEE COLLEGE'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER

A Talk With Dr. Jerry Russell by Josiah Vacheresse

As I sat down with Dr. Russell, he told me something that really gave me an insight into his thinking and way of life. He said "Ever since my first mission trip in 1972, I have truly felt like a child of John Wesley who said, "The world is my parish."

Everyone here at Hiwassee last semester has probably heard Dr. Russell made a mission trip to Africa. What you may not know is the depth of the work being done there, and other places around the world.

Dr. Russell told me about the Holston Conference, which is a group of churches across the southeast that make a trip to Africa each year and have continual projects going on there.



Dr. Jerry Russell
Former Interim President

This year Dr. Russell followed an ocean going container with food and supplies to continue work on their project "Ishe Anesu" which means God is with us. The group has for some time now

been building an orphanage there. This place will house, feed, clothe, and educate children who are mostly HIV positive, and who all have no other place to go.

Just for some specific insight, I would like to tell you a story about a specific boy from that orphanage. His name is Leon Chinguruve. He was one of the brightest children ever to come out of the orphanage, despite being malnourished and having a very weak immune system when he got there. He was the first child from the orphanage to be accepted to the University of Africa. Also, a family had agreed to pay his college tui-

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Dr. Chapman's New Position by Web Curtis

A new director of the library is taking the place of Tollie Banker, who has gone on to a position in Ohio. Dr. Curtis Chapman is the interim director at the Hardwick-Johnson Memorial Library for the academic year 2010-2011. He will be spending more

time in the library as opposed to his office in the BLC.

After this year, Dr. Chapman may go back to teaching full time and Hiwassee may hire a full time librarian. For right now, however, Dr. Chapman, along with Mrs. Barbara Carringer in

circulation and Dr. Allen in archives, are working hard to keep the library up to its highest standards.

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tion for him. Sadly, because of an immune system weakened by HIV, Leon died of a common cold just before his dreams could be fulfilled. He was 15 years old. At his funeral, which was attended by 5,000 people, they said that his life would matter, and if this ministry keeps up, then it most certainly will.

There are other projects around the world that Dr. Russell is involved with as well. For example, there is an orphanage in Guatemala that has been built and now houses twenty children. The Barker family, who is very interlocked with Hiwassee College, adopted a child from this orphanage. In fact, there are around thir-

teen children from that orphanage in the Knoxville area.

There are ways that you can help around the world as well. Dr. Russell encouraged us to band together and pick out a project. He mentioned numerous opportunities around the country and the world, and I believe it's time for us to get involved. We are all so fortunate and blessed to live the way we do, but it

is imperative that we remember others who do not have the same comforts we do.

While we cannot help everyone, we must remember what Jesus said, “What you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Even if it's one person, that's a step in the right direction.



Some of the many people Dr. Russell helped during his mission trip to Africa.

A Day of Love by Alli Miller

“The most important thing in life is to learn how to give out love, and to let it come in.” -Morrie Schwartz

Valentine's Day has just ended. Did you get your sweetheart anything? If not, all you had to do was head a few miles down the road to Wal-Mart and get him/her something.

There are a few couples here at Hiwassee and I have been asking all week what each of them would like to receive as a gift for February 14th.

Most of the girls said that they would love flowers especially Roses. The guys said a card and dinner would be great.

I laughed because what girl wants to buy dinner



on Valentine's Day? I know I sure do not. I would love to receive any flower beside roses and a card. (Hint to my Boyfriend if he's reading)

Whatever you got, I hope that it makes your day and take time to appreciate the love you two may have.

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Interview with Dr. Chapman

How do you like your new position?

Dr. Chapman: I like it because the job is about studying and doing research...the same things I emphasize in the classroom. Through the College Studies orientation, I design activities to help students become familiar with using the library, both computer and on-the-shelf resources.

What are your hours?

Dr. Chapman: I still teach two classes, but I am spending most of my time in the library. I want

to keep the library open as late as possible for students to use, and during the afternoon on Sundays.

What kind of experience do you have in the library?

Dr. Chapman: While studying for the Ph.D., I worked in the academic library at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. I worked in three areas: cataloging, circulation, and periodicals. Doing all these jobs taught me how a library is set up.

What other things do you want to see the library used for other than studying?

Dr. Chapman: The most important thing is for students to learn how to use the library and its materials. But the library should also be a gathering place. This would mean things like study groups coming in, having film festivals, guest speakers, etc.

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-Dr. Chapman on working in the library.

Dr. Chapman (right) in library helping student Diamond Lockett (left).



Hiwassee Theater is now in rehearsal for a play to be presented in April. The play, “Ellender” deals with racism in the Old South. Production is scheduled for April 8-10

Hiwassee’s Winter Wonderland by Nathan Best

With snow postponing school registration for two days, Hiwassee College finally got started with classes after almost a week of delays.

Some parts of Monroe and other surrounding counties accumulated 9-10 inches of snow! This snow stuck around for about a week and few stores were open during those days. Highway 411 was completely covered with around five inches of snow/ice.

Snow plows worked continuously over-

night to try to keep the ice from re-freezing, but the snow still stuck around until Friday, January 14th.

Everyone around campus was pretty much stuck inside due to icy roads, and meals were brought to both Tom Black and Allison dorms. For most, the Wal-Mart was the major store to go to for all their snowed-in needs.

I recall walking in the parking lot with melted slush everywhere from the over-salted pavement, and a man saying “This is the

most snow I’ve seen since the blizzard of 93!”

With light accumulation and below freezing temperatures, the town was pretty much dead for the next few days.

Although the snow affected a lot of people who needed to get to work, it didn’t keep everyone gloomy and cooped up inside. People from the Monroe County area and

Hiwassee students brought sleds and mattresses for much needed fun on the campus hills.

The crazy weather just seemed to keep coming all winter! It was fun but I think we’re all happy to see it start to warm up!

Hiwassee Tigers Basketball

The start of 2010 Basketball for the Tiger and Lady Tigers seems to be going pretty well. On the men's side, Coach Darrian Jones returns to coach, but has a new assistant, Darrell Dean, to help out with The Tigers. He joins the staff after playing two seasons at both Roane State and King College.

The Tigers have two returners, Junior small-forward/ guard Adrian McLaurin, and Senior guard Web Curtis. At the National Tournament last year they had a great showing, finishing sixth.

They are hoping that they can bring enough leadership to the table to help this team do even better. This leadership will be greatly needed because the schedule is full of teams from bigger schools such as NCAA Division IIs.

The freshman that are coming in will be asked to contribute right away—Chuck Gennie, Erin Henderson, LaZerrick Boyd, Jarvis Ogletree, Justin Browner, Stefan McLellan, KaDarius Donaldson, Jonathan Strode, Zach Bivens, and Josh Boring. All the experience they

are getting in mid-season matchups will surely help at Tournament time.

On the women's side, the Lady Tigers, have a new coach to lead them this season; Matt Cravens. The Ladies also have a mix of experience and new additions.

Every showing for the Lady Tigers at home has been a great one and the game intensity has been awesome. They even frustrated Knoxville College to the point that a brawl broke out and the game was called, resulting in a win for the "never-back-down" ladies.



Lady Tiger Softball by Web Curtis

Hiwassee softball is not wasting any time and should be well prepared for the 2011 season. From hitting the cages to working on the fields and conditioning, the Lady Tigers are on it.

Captain Alli Miller (Sophomore) has higher hopes for their team this year. Miller stated, "The girls this year seem to want to try hard to make it to the play-offs, unlike last year when the team struggled to stay motivated..

The coaching staff has changed and the number of players has increased.

When I spoke to Miller about the team this year, she pointed up and said, "It's because of Him that we actually have a team. I know that we can compete at the collegiate level, but we just all need to start working together. A few of us are working on our own, but the working out needs to be together which will happen soon."

Be sure to come out and support your fellow students this year as they try to make all their hard work pay off.



Far Left: Zach Williams skies for a dunk.

Middle: Web Curtis takes contact in the lane.

Right: The Hiwassee Lady Tigers smile for the camera.